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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF UZBEKISTAN PROTESTS U.S. CIVILIAN  
OVERFLIGHT

11. (SBU) This is an action request. Please see Paragraph 3.

12. (U) The Government of Uzbekistan (GOU) informed Post via diplomatic note on March 27 that according to its aviation authorities, the aircrew of B-772 (sic) Continental Airlines Flight SOA-49 violated Uzbekistan's airspace on March 6. The flight was en-route to Newark from Mumbai and called in one minute prior to crossing Uzbekistan's border. According to Uzbekistani law, however, aircrews must provide notification at least ten minutes prior to crossing the border and entering the country's airspace. The GOU requests that action be taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future and that the country's overflight procedures be strictly observed. Furthermore, the GOU has requested that the U.S. Government notify it of actions taken against this Continental Airlines aircrew.

13. (SBU) Action request: Embassy Tashkent requests that the Department raise this issue with Continental Airlines and provide Post with an appropriate response for the GOU.  
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